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TORRANCE'S FAVORITE SON . . . Louis Zamperini, shown on the right with Mrs. Zamperini in the center and Harry Read, a fraternity brother on the left, is off again, but not this time for 47 days on a life raft. Instead the great U. S. C. distance runner is planning a six-weeks' cruise in Read's 60-foot Diesel schooner to do some sport fishing and hunting, with a little adventuring on the side. With Read and Zamperini will be 10 other young men sharing expenses. Mrs. Zamperini will fly to Acapulco to stay with friends at the Mexican embassy to wait for her husband to arrive.

TORRANCE BUS LINES WILL OPERATE ON INCREASED FARE SCHEDULE STARTING MONDAY

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines will operate on a new and increased schedule of fares starting Monday, Jan. 26, according to Bus Manager William Murphy.

The fare increase is in line with the policy adopted at the time orders were placed for the four new buses which have enabled the lines to add additional schedules and inaugurate new service.

However, the only rates to be increased at the present time are those from 15 cents up to 30 cents. The increase will be five cents in each of the zones.

This will make the one-way trip from Torrance to Los Angeles 35c instead of 30c.

The local rate or the fares of 10 cents and less will not be affected.

The rates on the Long Beach-Hawthorne run likewise will not be affected.

Murphy pointed out that since the inception of the municipal bus lines in 1941 there has not been any increase in fares. "However since that time the cost of operation has increased several times," he declared. "An example is that of wages now paid to drivers as against 1941 and 1942.

"Drivers in 1941 were paid \$147.50 per month. This has been increased several times till drivers now are receiving \$355 per month as their basic wage; an increase of approximately 60 per cent.

"The cost of maintenance has increased 50 per cent; gasoline has increased more than 40 per cent since the bus line first commenced operations. During all of this period no increase in fares has been made."

The bus lines had faced a \$10,000 deficit in the present fiscal year, it was pointed out, but with the purchase of new equipment to replace worn-out buses, and with the increase in fares,

Torrance Profit On Airport Is \$168 Per Month

Torrance Municipal Airport, (Zamperini Field on the official City records), has earned a net of \$1,176.72 in seven months of operation, according to records in the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. This amounts to \$168 per month profit.

The record shows total income from rents (airplane tie-down and hangar fees) of \$5,985.00 and \$563.69 in commissions on sale of gasoline on the Army-bull field on former Weston ranch property, 101 highway.

Expenses include the commission of 75 percent to Manager E. Y. Tarkington for the seven months of \$3,585.51, and general expenses of \$1,696.41, which Tarkington is to repay to the City, under his agreement.

In December rents amounted to \$755.00; commissions, \$102.62 or a total of \$857.62. Expense items included \$581.26 in commissions to Tarkington, and general, \$115.95, or a total of \$697.21. The net gain for December was \$160.41.

FIELD CLEARED FOR BIG HOUSING PROJECT HERE

The field was cleared for action last Friday morning after a breakfast meeting of the Torrance City Council and the Sunhaven Properties, Inc., when the former voted to vacate the west 105 feet of Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway to Sunhaven Properties, Inc. for the building of 349 rental units and other general improvements.

When first decided to Torrance, the original width of the parkway was 225 feet. Plans for its development as a beautiful landscaped thoroughfare never were carried through, and the strip of land remained unused and untaxed.

Following consultation with engineering experts, the Council decided to abandon the 105-foot section as being too wide for the needs of the area it must serve.

Upon receipt of the vacated area R. W. Mayer, president of Sunhaven Properties, Inc., said, "certainly the fact that we are about to embark on a \$3,000,000 building program here in Torrance bespeaks our confidence in this community. We shall assume the responsibilities for its civic needs along with all

other citizens of this dynamic city. Our abilities and resources will be made available for all activities that will help place Torrance in the same category as the finest cities in the country." Mayer is a brother of Louis G. Mayer, the motion picture king, of M.G.M.

Emmett W. Ingram, assistant superintendent of schools, who also attended the breakfast meeting, spoke of the need for schools in the growing community. For this Mayer promised to help provide the needed acreage.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. greeted the Sunhaven Properties, Inc. as a welcome addition to the city of Torrance.

CHAMBER TO INSIST THAT CHARTER AMENDMENTS BE GIVEN VOTERS IN APRIL

Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will meet in the City Council chambers on Jan. 27 to take up with members of the Council proposed amendments to the City Charter, in keeping with agreements previously reached between the civic group and legislators of Torrance.

This was decided on Monday night by the Chamber directors.

Among matters to be taken up is the placement on the ballot for the April 13 city election of the amendment to the City Charter setting up the City Manager form of government. The amendment already has been submitted to the Council as drafted and approved by the Citizens Committee and members of the City Council has agreed that it would be placed upon the ballot without necessity for circulation of initiative petitions requiring a vote on the matter.

The Charter amendment would set up a managerial form of government which would save the taxpayers many times the cost of such a form of government, it was said. Leading toward the establishment of such a plan, a city administrator, George W. Stevens, now is serving Torrance in a dual capacity of administrator-city en-

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Welfare Center Will Be Closed Each Saturday

Torrance Area Welfare Center will close all day Saturdays in the future, it was decided by the First District Welfare Council Tuesday night in Gardena City Hall, according to Don C. Moshos, M.D. president of the Council.

The reason for the decision to close the Welfare Center is that all welfare agencies which clear Torrance area cases through the local office are closed on Saturdays.

It was announced that the Rev. Torben R. Olsen, rector of St. Andrew's church, had been named to the budget committee of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles.

Talks were given by J. G. Caldwell, who reported that more than 700 toys were received, repaired and distributed to needy families at Christmas time, and that toys will be gathered throughout the year for next Christmas; by Miss Helen Lockwood, who reported on the California Conference of Social Work, and by Miss Honora Costigan, director, Inglewood District Bureau of Public Assistance.

On the committee on district planning are Mrs. Edna Smith and Mrs. J. I. Humphries, according to Dr. Moshos, who announced the next meeting will be held Feb. 17 in Lomita Elementary School auditorium.

Others present at the meeting are: Mrs. James Cambis, Mrs. Olive S. Dickson, Mrs. A. C. Turner, Mrs. Dorothy H. Hill, Mrs. E. S. Moon, Miss Marion Bell, Miss Helen K. Dill, James G. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Platyk, Mrs. Edna M. Smith, Mrs. Kathleen E. Berger, Miss Mary Bathrick, Herbert Irwin, Julius M. Klein, Mrs. E. Marquita Crute, Carmine DeLucia, Miss Betty Fiesel, Miss Helen Wells, Miss Margaret Ramsey, Charlotte Carryl and Louise Cook.

Keystoners In Protest Demonstration

In protest against the County Board of Supervisor's refusal to provide storm and flood protection for their homes, more than 100 homeowners Monday paraded at Keystone, east of Torrance.

They were led by Ross Johnson, 20958 Jamison avenue, president of the North Keystone Community Association, who said:

"Most of the owners of these 136 houses, which sold for prices ranging from \$3775 to \$3975 did not know that the houses were built on filled land beside a slough.

"During the last rain, the water poured through the houses and now the occupants fear their homes will be washed away during the next rain unless something is done."

Merchants In Meeting With Retail Clerks

Representatives of Torrance and San Pedro merchant groups, previously designated by the store operators as a negotiating committee, met Monday evening with Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, and two other representatives of the union. The conference, called for discussion of a new contract covering working conditions, was held under the auspices of the San Pedro Business Men, Associated. Also attending the conference were attorneys representing the employers' group.

After a three-hour discussion it was decided to continue negotiations at a later meeting. B. M. Malone, president of the Business Men's Association, announced.

The present contract under which certain retail stores in the Harbor area are operating, expires Feb. 1, 1948.

Burglars Get \$140 In Loot

Property valued at \$140 was reported stolen from W. J. Hill, owner of a service station at 2046 Hawthorne boulevard early Wednesday morning.

Hill made the discovery of the missing property when he opened for business at 8 a.m. The door had been sprung enough to allow the thief to open the inside lock. Although a cutting and welding torch had been brought in from the outside and used, it was not established what use had been made of the equipment.

Missing were a tire and wheel, a spray gun, a drilled motor and a micrometer.

WINTER T. H. S. CLASS TO GRADUATE NEXT WEEK

The first winter graduating class of Torrance High School, under Redondo Union High School District, and perhaps the last, will assemble in Central Evangelical-United Brethren church on Sunday at 4 p.m. for baccalaureate services.

The high school came under control of Redondo Union High School District as a result of the election of an, 24, last year which was made mandatory following the creation of Torrance City School District by adoption and ratification of the City Charter. The people of the newly formed school district were required to affiliate with a high school district, and since the whole campaign had been based upon withdrawal from Los Angeles, the voters acted some 20 to 1 to join Redondo Union High School District.

However, with the Torrance City School District well organized, unification of the high school with the elementary school district is in prospect, and with a favorable vote on Friday, Jan. 23, the high school and elementary schools will come under the control of the Torrance Board of Education—meaning that Redondo will graduate only two classes, winter, 1948, and summer, 1948, from the Torrance school.

At the baccalaureate services, the Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, pastor of Central Evangelical-United Brethren church will preside, and Rev. Torben R. Olsen, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will deliver the sermon, "What Can I Do?"

The Rev. Arthur Pederson, of Foursquare Church, will give the invocation and the Scripture lesson will be by the Rev. Clyde E. Ruckman, pastor of First Methodist Church.

Other Torrance ministers participating in the services are the Rev. Ronad J. Menmuir, pastor of First Christian Church; the Rev. W. A. Penner, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. The commencement exercises are scheduled for the Torrance

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Local Merchants Decide To Remain Open Friday Nights

Most Torrance stores will continue to remain open on Friday nights, it was decided as a result of a poll conducted by the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

A postcard poll was conducted among merchants, and the decision to remain open was almost unanimous, it was revealed. The Friday night opening program was inaugurated several months ago in order to give those unable to shop during the daytime hours an opportunity to buy after normal closing hours.

The merchants nominated fourteen directors, seven of whom will be elected, and the officers will be chosen from the directors picked. The nominees for directors are: Charles V. Jones, of Torrance Hardware Co.; Juanita Mann, Benson's; Claudia Adams, Adams Dress Shop; Irving Wieder, Allens Jewellers; E. B. Brown, Torrance Herald; Sam Levy, Levy's Department Store; Helen Rose, LaSalle Shop; Harry Petro, McCown Drug Co.; Carney Emmett, El Prado Furniture; Alden Smith, Howard's Jewellers; Mrs. Ruth Heyl, La Mode Furniture; Grant Barkdull, Quality Market; Miss Lela Smith, Mode O'Day and Bob Haggard, Realtor.

Instead of meeting Tuesdays at 10 a.m., the Merchants Division decided to meet at breakfast each Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Daniels.

HARBOR CITY PLAN FOR 'EXPANSION' SHELVED BY CHAMBER DIRECTORS

By the narrow margin of a single vote, the Board of Directors of the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening decided to abandon all plans for definite boundaries of Harbor City, sources close to the Board indicated today.

Four members of the Board reportedly voted in favor of abandoning a proposed map of Harbor City prepared by a Chamber committee. The map included a slice of Lomita, the Shoestring Strip to 182nd street and some of Wilmington.

The remainder of the Board members either voted in favor of continuing to map the City's boundaries or abstained from the balloting, it was reported. All nine members were reported present.

Closed to the press, the Board meeting was followed by a simple announcement by President Delbert Vaughn that the Board's decision was to abandon the boundary plans. Vaughn said that he was not at liberty to divulge the details leading to the decision or how it was made.

The Board action came after protests from three sides of proposed boundaries for Harbor City to be delineated in a map to be sent out to potential in-

dustries as an inducement to settle in that area.

Committee members said that there was no intent on the part of anyone to change governmental or postal boundaries.

Sources stated after Tuesday's session that the widespread opposition to the boundary action was unexpected in view of the fact that the boundaries were only for a Chamber of Commerce map.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce made itself heard this week in a two-page letter to the Harbor City organization protesting the east boundary on the proposed map.

Thirty Lomitans had previously made their views heard in opposition to the matter of the Harbor City map including the area east of Appian Way and west of Western.

Shoestring Civic Association members were present and disapproved of the plan when it was brought up for general Harbor City Chamber discussion.

Persons close to the Chamber indicated that following Tuesday night's action the matter was considered closed.

Motorcycle Rider Hurt

William H. Smith, a 20-year-old motorcyclist, was treated at the Harbor General Hospital Wednesday afternoon following an accident at 233rd street and Narbonne avenue in which he is reported by police to have crashed into the side of a pickup truck driven by Edward W. Pietzschke, 2765 West Carson st.

Pietzschke was crossing Narbonne at 233rd street when Smith ran into the left side of his truck, the police report showed. Smith, a resident of Hermosa Beach, was reported to have sustained minor injuries.

TREMENDOUS 'YES' VOTE ON UNIFICATION OF SCHOOLS SEEN IN ELECTION FRIDAY

Friday Jan. 23 is election day in Torrance. On that day voters will go to the polling place selected by the County Superintendent of Schools at Torrance Elementary School, 220th street and Martina avenue, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to decide the question of whether or not a high school district shall be formed in Torrance Elementary School District.

Only one question will be on the ballot, as follows: High School District (YES) — High School District (No) —

A majority "yes" vote is urged, and if recorded on Friday this will mean that the high school and elementary schools of Torrance automatically will be placed under the jurisdiction of the Torrance City Board of Education as of July 1, 1948.

Creation of the Torrance Unified School District follows, likewise automatic since the boundaries of both the elementary and high school districts will be continuous. The tax rate for all schools, from kindergarten through high school thus comes under control of Torrance Board of Education.

Torrance City School District has been a part of the Redondo Union High School District since withdrawal of the schools of Torrance from Los Angeles brought about the adoption of the City Charter in 1946.

Since the Education Code requires that a new school district must become a part of an adjoining high school district (in the case of Torrance this meant staying in Los Angeles High School District or joining Redondo Union High School District) Torrance voters overwhelmingly elected to become a part of Redondo district. The campaign was based on an agreement with Redondo trustees that the membership in the Redondo district would be only until unification could be accomplished this year.

The Education Code permits the unification of elementary schools and the high schools within a chartered city under one school system, where districts are continuous, and this move being accomplished as the final step toward complete control by the people of Torrance of the Torrance schools, will mean not only a tremendous saving in school operation, but also the establishment of a co-ordinated educational program for all grades, school officials said.

Redondo has been operating Torrance High School this year at a great expense, but the district will be compensated for this cost next year because it will receive the state school support funds which have gone to Los Angeles in the past and will go to the Los Angeles system this year. Likewise, Redondo is getting the benefit of its tax rate on the Torrance City \$38,500,000 assessed valuation—almost double the assessed value of the Redondo Union High School District as of last year.

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Week's Buildings Here Reaches \$124,000 Total

Building permits issued to the California-Nevada Properties, Inc., during the past week totaled \$124,000 or more than half the amount of permits issued during the last two weeks, according to records of the building inspector John Patrick. Total for the last two weeks was \$229,160.

The California-Nevada Properties, Inc. took out permits to build five \$10,000 homes at 336, 309, 321, 961 and 924 Via Colusa. Another permit for \$11,000 was issued for 327 Via Colusa. Three permits were issued to build \$10,000 homes at 965, 969 and 973 Calle Miramar. Two others for \$11,000 were issued to the company for homes at 902 and 910 Calle Miramar. An \$11,000 permit was issued to construct a home at 111 Calle de Madrid.

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LEARNING THE NEWSPAPER GAME . . . from the inside were these Cub Scouts from Pack No. 241 who visited the plant of the Torrance Herald last Friday. Reading from left to right are: William A. Walsmith, shop foreman, who conducted the tour for the boys; Gary Hakanson, Jerry Emerson, Larry Stamper, Richard Malone, David Rhone, Richard Freeman, and Jackie Phipps. In the background is Den Mother Mrs. James Stamper. The operator at the Intertype machine is Joseph Van Kralingen. (Torrance Herald photo)